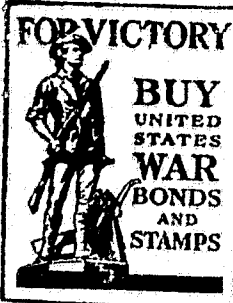
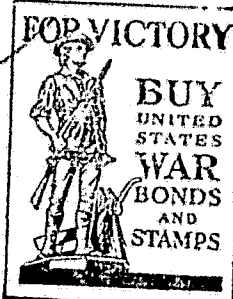


JEST 'FORE CHRISTMAS I'M AS GOOD AS I KIN BE. —Eugene Field



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N. E. FUEL SITUATION BECOMES MORE ACUTE

The fuel situation in New England has become more acute as cold weather sets in. The number of those who could change over from fuel oil to coal and have failed to do so is an indication of indifference to a very grave situation. And in New England users of soft coal are slow to stock up for the winter.

Every effort is being made to take the edge off the fuel shortage. About 1,500 railroad tank cars will be released for Eastern service on completion of 300 new 5,000-gallon petroleum trailer trucks for use in the middle West. The movement of railroad tank cars is being put under strict control, with so-called "symbol" trains operating on through schedules straight from the oil fields to the oil fields to the East and the unloading shortened to an average of 15 hours.

To meet possible coal shortages, control has been extended to all vessels in the Atlantic coastwise coal traffic. In addition, coal and oil heating stoves have been rationed in the fuel oil rationing area, first choice on coal heaters going to householders who will use the new stove to replace oil heating equipment. But all these measures will still leave the main part of the fuel-saving program up to the consumer, who must employ every possible means of saving fuel and tightening up living quarters against the cold.

THE CHANGING SCENE

Tire inspection—an essential part of rubber saving—now is in progress throughout the country. All motorists must complete the record of their first tire inspection by Jan. 31, 1943, and owners of commercial vehicles must be ready for tire inspection by Jan. 15. Members of car-sharing groups will not be subject to insurance liability for carrying passengers, through companies writing the bulk of automobile liability insurance. After Jan. 15, 1943, some 27,000 items of builders hardware will be reduced to 3,500 types, sizes, weights and standards saving metals and production costs. Consumers of sugar and coffee who eat 14 or more meals a week at the same boarding house or restaurant must give up their ration book one to the proprietors, but they will get them back temporarily in order to secure ration book two. Matches must be used sparingly, they use vast quantities of wood, besides being needed by the armed forces. An instrument has been developed that will make it possible for blind persons to make precision inspections of certain machine products. And a high-power "X-Ray Eye" is used to test die castings used in making ammunition. New Year's Day will not be a holiday for war workers or government employees.

Nancy says—



Guess what Sluggo! My dad just did the sweetest thing... he signed up 10% of his pay for War Bonds and it ain't even New Year's yet!

"Top That 10% by New Year's"



MRS. EDWARD LAPHAM

Mrs. Florence E. Lapham, wife of Edward Lapham of Albany, died at the C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston, Wednesday, where she had been taken only eight hours before. She had been in ill health for a long time.

She was born in Albany July 15, 1894, the daughter of the late Francis H. and Winifred Farmer Emery. She married Edward Lapham, who survives with seven children: Stanley, who is in the Army; Walter; Myrtle, wife of Earlton Keniston; Warren, Marian, Muriel and Howard; also two sisters, Mrs. Leslie Kimball and Miss Blanche Emery of Albany, and several grandchildren.

The time of the funeral services has not been set pending the arrival of her son Stanley, who is coming by plane.

GEORGE N. RICHARDSON

George N. Richardson of 43 High Street, Derry, N. H., died at his home on Sunday, Dec. 13, after a brief illness. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Minnie C. Richardson (the former Minnie Cummings of Bethel); one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hall of Portsmouth, N. H.; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Hall; one niece, Mrs. Florence R. Holden of Gilead, and one nephew, Carl Richardson of Shelburne, N. H.

Funeral services were held at his home in Derry, N. H., on Wednesday, Dec. 16, with Rev. Howard T. Jocelyn officiating. The bearers were Senator William M. Cole, Ernest C. Bond, Arthur Bergeron, all of Derry, Roy Avery of Londonderry, Carl Richardson of Shelburne, and Edward Holden of Gilead.

Burial was in the family lot in Riverside Cemetery, Bethel, on Thursday.

Mr. Richardson was born in Gilead on May 24, 1869, the son of the late Eli T. and Hannah Twitchell Richardson, and had been a resident of Derry for 41 years.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. W. Paul Dickson of 37 Burnet Street, Maplewood, N. J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Jane, to John W. Tebbets, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Tebbets of Look Mills.

Miss Dickson is a graduate of Columbia High School, South Orange, N. J., and is now completing her senior year in Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Mr. Tebbets graduated from Wilbraham Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., attended Oberlin College, and is now employed by the M. A. Hanna Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Reduction of 150 sizes and kinds of galvanized wire to 8 articles of a few sizes is expected to save 44,000 tons of steel and 10,000 tons of zinc.

The saving in steel from drilling 10,000 fewer oil wells this year than last is sufficient to build 26,000 tanks, or half a million 2-ton block buster bombs.

BETHEL

Donald O'Leary of Mexico spent last Thursday at the home of Philip Daye.

Miss Barbara Moore is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Nahum Moore.

Mrs. Frances Cook arrived Saturday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Thurston.

William V. Robertson is at home from Becker College Worcester, Mass., for the holidays.

Mrs. Charles E. Merrill is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Edwards, in Massachusetts.

There was a Christmas tree at the Methodist Church Tuesday evening, with recitations and carols.

Mrs. Winfield Howe and Mrs. Lennie Howe are occupying the rooms of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young in Earl Davis' house.

Mrs. Bessie Bean and children have moved into the rent on Church Street which was occupied last by Earle Palmer and family.

Henry Hastings of Boston is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Henry Hastings.

Omar Laraviere of Skillington is making a good recovery from a broken arm received a few weeks ago.

Miss Josephine Smith and Cecil Parker are this week's guests of Mr. Parker's parents in Livermore Falls.

Sgt. Ernest Pomeroy of Camp Moultrie, S. C., has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. Arthur Fogg, and family.

Miss Phyllis Daye will return from Portland Thursday after spending two weeks with friends there.

Mrs. A. Van Den Kerkhoven returned Saturday from Concord, N. H., accompanied by Mrs. Grace Macfarlane and daughter Jacqueline.

Mrs. Robert Whitman and daughter Camelia of Cape Elizabeth are spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thurston.

The fire department was called to the home of Philip Daye Sunday morning about 10 o'clock. Apparently the chimney burned out in the night, causing the timbers to smoulder and catch on fire. Considerable damage was done. Before the fire was discovered all the pipes in the bathroom froze and burst.

The Ladies' Club met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elwood Ireland. It was voted to give money for the Christmas candy bags and boxes for shut-ins, and to contribute to the Opportunity Farm and Russian Relief fund.

Mrs. R. R. Tibbets was chosen chairman of the candy bag committee and Mrs. H. P. Austin was appointed to work with a committee from the Junior Guild to decide about a service flag. The program included carol singing with Mrs. Laurence Lord at the piano and a reading and poem by Mrs. Lord. The next meeting will be held Jan. 7 at the home of Mrs. Homer Lawrence.

LOVEJOY—FARREN

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of the officiating clergyman on Saturday evening, Dec. 19, when Kenneth George Lovejoy of West Bethel and Maxine Farron of Bryant Pond were united in marriage, using the double ring service.

Mr. Lovejoy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lovejoy. He received his education in the local schools. He will leave Dec. 24 for Fort Devens to join the armed forces.

Mrs. Lovejoy is the daughter of Herman Fuller of Woodstock. She attended the schools of Woodstock and for the past year has made her home with her father, where they are to live for the present until the war is over.

The young couple have the best wishes of their many friends.

FARM TRUCK GAS APPEALS HANDLED IN THE COUNTY

The Oxford County Farm Transportation Committee, whose office is at the Farm Bureau office in South Paris, announced today that all farmers who feel they should have a correction made in any part of their truck Certificate of War Necessity may do so by applying to the office for the necessary appeal papers and instructions.

The committee will consider information presented by the farmer as necessary for the operation of his farm and recommend to the district ODT Office in Portland any revision it feels necessary.

The forms to be made out by farmers, and truckers of farm products or supplies who also should apply to the office if an appeal is desired, are quite simple, but should questions arise or help be needed, there will be someone at the county office to give assistance.

In making the announcement, the Transportation Committee advised farmers to act at once if they do not feel that their Certificate is correct in any respect.

Miss Arlene Brown of Boston is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Doyen and Constance were in Portland Wednesday to meet their daughter Marjorie, who will spend her Christmas vacation with them.

Miss Margaret Tibbets, Bryn Mawr, Penna., and Miss Mary Tibbets, Ashburnham, Mass., are spending the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Tibbets.

Francis Berry was host at a party Friday evening at the home of his sisters, Mrs. Charles Freeman and Mrs. Sidney Dylke. Prizes for high score at whist went to Miss Alice Pierce and Stanley Davis. Miss Marion Chapman and Robert Greenleaf received consolation prizes. Guests were Miss Carolyn Wight, Miss Ellen Peabody, Miss Alice Pierce, Miss Marion Chapman, Miss Helen Fogg, Miss Ida Lee Clough, Miss Carol Robertson, Miss Arlene Donahue, Kenneth McInnis, Robert Greenleaf, Gilbert LeClair, Glendon McAllister, Richard Bryant, Stanley Davis, Albert Buck, Edward Little.

SCIENCE TALENT TEST GIVEN GOULD PUPILS

Preliminary examinations in connection with the national Second Annual Science Talent Search were held Thursday, Dec. 17, at Gould Academy under the supervision of Alfred J. Fortier. Students taking the science aptitude test were Constance Sawyer and Lincoln Colby.

The Science Talent Search is being conducted by the Science Clubs of America, administered by Science Service. Purpose of the Search is to discover and help develop scientific talent that will be of value to the nation in war and in peace.

Forty boys and girls who lead in the preliminary examinations will be given all-expense trips to Washington to attend the Science Talent Search and to take the final examination. Two contestants, one boy and one girl, will be selected by a board of judges on the basis of written and oral examinations, to receive Westinghouse Science Grand Scholarships of \$2,400 each (\$800 per year for four years). Eight more contestants will receive Westinghouse Science Scholarships of \$400 (\$100 a year for four years) and \$300 additional in scholarships will be awarded.

As part of the preliminary examinations, each contestant will submit an essay of about 1,000 words on the subject, "Science's Next Great Step Ahead."

NOUS JEUNES FILLES CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 18 the Nous Jeunes Filles Club enjoyed their Christmas party at the home of Miss Sylvia Bird. Seven members were present. It was voted to give \$1.00 toward the Russian Relief drive.

During the meeting the doorbell rang and who should appear but Santa Claus with a sack full of gifts for each member. After the meeting gifts were exchanged, and refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served.

Miss Beatrice Brown will entertain the Club Dec. 31 at the home of Mrs. Fred Edwards.

4-H BOYS AND GIRLS WIN AWARDS FOR 1942

Boys and girls from Oxford County, who had planned to attend the state 4-H Club contest at Orono earlier this week were disappointed when the event was cancelled because of restrictions on sale of gasoline.

Among the awards, prizes, and honors to have been announced at the contest were the following from Oxford County. The awards will be made by mail.

The Perkins Valley 4-H Club, led by Mrs. Evelyn Appleby, received \$15 awarded to the highest scoring 4-H Club in the state, by the Maine Farm Bureau Federation.

Robert Stevens, Canton Point, was a special prize winner from Oxford County.

During the recent siege of cold weather with several days of sub-zero temperature and wind there were many frozen water pipes.

Richard Sweetser of Portland will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Philip W. Dye.

A Farm Bureau meeting will be held at Mrs. Arthur Dudley's at 2 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, to discuss the calendar for 1943. All members and anyone interested are invited.

A meeting of Sunset Rebekah Lodge was held Monday evening with a program arranged by Mrs. Gerard Williams and Miss Ida Packard. Refreshments were in charge of Miss Beatrice Brown and Miss Elizabeth Lyon.

The Home Front

By Mrs. Julia Kiene
Westinghouse Home Economist

Washing Knitted Clothes

KNITTED clothes never seem to give their age away as long as they fit well—and that's largely a matter of proper laundering.

Make sure a knitted, or crocheted, garment is washable, of course. And before it's wet, adjust stretcher (if you have one) to the right measurements or draw an outline of the garment on an old piece of sheeting. Remove buttons, buckles and all unwashable trimmings, turn garment inside out and swish mild lukewarm or cool suds through it. Don't soak. Wash briefly a second time in fresh suds. The less handling the better.

When lifting knitted clothes from suds, always keep both hands under them for support. Rinse at least three times in lukewarm or cool water. Avoid twisting when removing water. One successful method is to spread a Turkish towel on the wringer roll, carefully lift garment on it, straighten it

out and wring carefully. Roll in a dry Turkish towel to absorb more of the moisture.

Whether you dry garments flat or on an adjustable stretcher, they should be dried in the shade, wrong side out. Never hang them over a line nor fasten with clothespins. If in doubt about color "fastness," waxed paper between double thicknesses will help prevent streaking. If knitted things need pressing, wait until dry, spread a damp cloth on wrong side and use a moderately warm iron.

MENU

*Baked Lima Beans with Sour Cream
Buttered Carrots
Toasted Vegetable Salad
Bran Muffins - Butter - Preserves
Baked Apple
Milk - Coffee

*Baked Lima Beans with Sour Cream
Recipe:
2 cups dried lima beans
2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon dried mustard

Soak beans overnight. Cook slowly until tender, add 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon mustard when partly cooked. Drain and place in a buttered 3-quart casserole. Add syrup, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon mustard and pepper and mix well. Add the cream, lay strips of bacon over beans. Cover and bake for one hour in preheated 375° oven.

NEXT WEEK: Inbetween Meal Snacks.

present time until their place is finished off to live in.

Eva Buckman is working for Merle Lurvey.

Alice Mason is caring for Dot Newel's child while she is working in the mill.

Iva Tyler is taking care of Roland Hatfield's baby.

SOUTH BETHEL

Miss Leah Spinney spent last Saturday and Sunday in Portland with her father.

Miss Annie Cross of Norway spent last Monday with her sister Mrs. Frank Brooks.

Mr. Leslie Kendall and Mr. McLain of Everett, Mass. called Monday to see Mrs. Joe Spinney at the home of James Spinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boothbay of Westbrook called one day last week to see Mrs. Boothbay's mother, Mrs. Florence Hewey.

Joe L. Spinney of Walpole, N. H., came Sunday to spend the Xmas holidays with Mrs. Spinney at the home of James A. Spinney.

Francis Brooks was in Norway Monday night.

Mrs. James A. Spinney and Mrs. Seymour Butters and daughter of Bethel go this Friday to Portland to spend the week-end with Mr. Spinney and Mr. Butters.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Melville and friend of Mexico were at Frank Brooks' Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Ryder and family also called at Frank Brooks Sunday. They have sold their place here to P. H. Chadbourne and bought a farm at West Poland.

Clyde Stevens and family are staying at Robert Gordon's at the

Clayton Blake got quite badly hurt at the mill Tuesday morning.

In Curry County, Ore., where shells from a Jap sub larded, 33 school children collected 180,000 pounds of scrap, averaging almost 2 1/2 tons each.

JOYOUS SEASON TO ALL



JUST the friendliest of wishes for your happiness and cheer at Christmas time and always. Let not the sacrifices of 1942 have been in vain.

CROCKETT'S GARAGE

Findings of Joy

Not just a wish for Christmas,
But a wish for each day of the year,
And never were greetings more hearty,
Or wishes more true and sincere.

Bethel Restaurant



At this time, when common tasks begin to glimmer with new glory, we pause to wish you all the Christmas joys this joyous season can bring.

W. J. Wheeler & Co., Inc.
South Paris, Maine



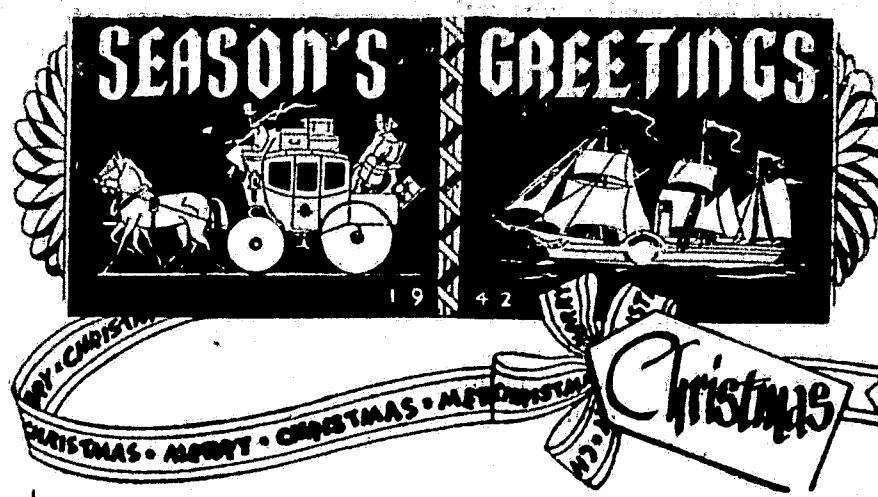
Wishing you all the joys and blessings of this holy Christmas season of 1942

D. GROVER BROOKS



Now, at Christmas time, when the fountains of true joy flow most freely, we welcome the opportunity to extend to you and yours our heartiest wishes for a happy Yuletide. For your kindness to us in 1942 we cordially thank you.

ERNEST F. BISBEE
Coal



LET A LINE to extend our heartfelt thanks for your kindness to us during 1942 and to wish you and yours the merriest Christmas of them all.

Bryant's Market

Merry Christmas

Being the fine friends and acquaintances you are we would not want to miss this 1942 holiday season opportunity to send you these greetings.

A Happy Christmas to You and Yours

Van Tel. & Tel. Co.

The SNA



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Two factors that play a tant part in securing appealing pictures are the time you take your pictures and you pose your subject in the direction of the light.

For instance, the best snapshots are fairly early morning, say about two hours sunrise or around two hours sunset. The sun is then not in the sky, and produces a

EAST BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Newt in Andover Sunday.

Charles Reed has been since Wednesday of last week is still in bed, with the daily visitor.

The East Bethel Women's Bureau met at the home of Leslie Noyes for planning election of officers and Christmas party, Tuesday evening. Marguerite Bartlett, chairman, read list of proposed meetings for next six months. The nominating committee reported that in accordance with Miss Walsh's wish same officers as in 1942 were nominated for 1943 with exception. Officers elected: Chairman Mrs. Marguerite Bartlett; Secretary, Mrs. Myra Foods Leader, Mrs. Gladys Clothing Leader, Mrs. Ruth Hastings; Home Management Mrs. Florence Hastings. Refreshments of different kinds of less sweets, brought by the members, were served with names were drawn and gift exchanged.

William Hastings and John have been surveying in Ru and Oxford several days the week.

Mrs. Robert Hastings was guest of Mrs. L. D. Kimball, Lewiston, Friday and Saturday.

The following girls solicited the Russian War Relief: Louise Merrill, Carolyn Noyes, Curtis, Adelle Kimball, Edith, Mary Alice Hastings, Carl Olson.

Robert Billings and Donald Ball left Tuesday for Fort Detrick to have their final examination for the Army.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD

ABOUT LIGHTING



Sidelighting contributes to the pictorial success of this picture.

LIGHTING will make a snapshot dull, dramatic, matter of fact, or intensely interesting. It depends much on the way it strikes the subject. Therefore, every photographer should make it his business to learn as much about lighting as he possibly can.

There are really but two ways you can learn about lighting. One is to work indoors with artificial light, and the other is to step outdoors and learn what can be done with sunlight. And since most snapshots are made outdoors, you'll probably find it easier to follow the sun's course.

Two factors that play an important part in securing appealing outdoor pictures are the time of day you take your pictures and the way you pose your subject in regard to the direction of the light.

For instance, the best hours for snapshotting are fairly early in the morning, say about two hours after sunrise or around two hours before sunset. The sun is then not too high in the sky, and produces not only

brilliant highlights, but creates interesting shadows. The earlier or later in the day, the longer the shadows will be, and long shadows often enhance pictorial effect.

As for posing your subjects, remember that you can take pictures with the sun either behind the camera, to one side of the camera, or with the sun in front of the camera. Each gives you a different lighting effect so pose your subjects accordingly. When shooting toward the sun, however, the lens should be protected from the direct rays by a lens hood, shaded by your hand, or perhaps by a shadow cast by some nearby object.

If it's a sidelighted picture you want, pose your subject so that he is either partially or completely sideways to the sun.

Finally, if you want backlit pictures, pose your subject so that he is between the camera and the sun.

Experimenting with light, you'll find, is really fascinating and leads to better pictures.

John van Gulder

MIDDLE INTERVAL

Raymond Buck has returned from the hospital.

Barbara Stearns spent the week end at Richard Stevens.

John Winslow is visiting his grandfather on Swan Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Carter had a card party Tuesday night.

Richard Stevens, Barbara Stearns and Catherine Stevens were in Rumford, shopping Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Carter were in Norway Friday.

Lawrence Kimball and family are home for their vacation.

Robert Sanborn and family were in Rumford Thursday of last week.

WEST BETHEL SCHOOLS

The West Bethel Grammar and Primary grades had a Christmas tree at the West Bethel Grange Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 18. The following program was given:

Welcome, Ann Harding

Song—We're Telling Our Wishes to Santa, Primary Grades

Recitation, Reginald Westleigh

Recitation, Kenneth Tibbetts

Recitation, John Heath

Song—Up on the House Top

Sub Primary and First Grade

Recitation, Lionel Coulombe

Exercises—Busy Little Maids, Patricia Rolfe, Estella Harding, Mary Kneeland and James Merrill

Play—Santa's Secrets, Grades 3 & 4

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Recitation, Frank Heath

Recitation, Robert Hutchinson

Song—Just Before Christmas, Robert Hutchinson, Patricia Rolfe, Albert Merrill and Maurice Coulombe

Play—Uncle Sam's Christmas Party, Grades 3 & 4

Recitation, Good Night, Arthur Head

Although it was a very cold night the hall was filled with parents and friends. Jolly old Santa also braved the cold, cold weather and made a visit distributing the gifts from the tree, also pop corn and candy bags to all good boys and girls.

The following committee of the P. T. A. helped get the trees etc., but was restricted on decorating: Leona Gilbert, Clara Rolfe, Ruby Rolfe, Carla Bennett and Frances Bennett.

The P. T. A. and School Improvement League sponsored sending 24 Christmas boxes to boys in service. Olive Head was chairman of the committee so the packing was done at her home with helpers from the upper grades also members of the P. T. A.

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WEST BETHEL

Richard Hutchinson of Portland is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hutchinson.

Roland Kneeland, who is scaling for the Brown Company in the Farmachenee region, was home over the week-end.

Local schools closed Friday, Dec. 18, with a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Grange Hall.

The Union Chapel Sunday School enjoyed a supper and Christmas tree at the church on Sunday night. The children invited their parents and Santa Claus made a short visit after supper, while the group were singing Christmas carols.

The junior boys in Mrs. Ruby Rolfe's class acted as waiters and in spite of the sub-zero weather a nice time was enjoyed by young and old.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

But even if Christmas came once a month, we would hardly find words with which to thank you for your generous support.

And now let us wish you all a very Merry Christmas in 1942.

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Now is the time when all of us are more fully conscious of the goodness that should pervade all mankind. Permit us, then, to thank you for your good will in 1942, we wish you all the merriest Christmas possible.

BETHEL FEED & GRAIN CO.

We thank you for your loyalty to us during the year. May you experience every joy during this blessed Yuletide of 1942.

Grand Trunk R. R. System
Railway Express Agency
Western Union Telegraph Co.
O. A. PRATT, Agent

HOLIDAY GREETINGS TO ALL



AT THIS TIME, when prince and peasant bow in common harkening to the message of good will from old Judea, we want to express our earnest wish for happy 1942 Christmas season to all our friends.



Gould Academy

E. F. Ireland, Headmaster



For Christmas comes But Once a Year

... and when it does, come, we want it to come with all the old-fashioned trimmings that make this season so joyous.

Thank you and all for your kindness to us during 1942.

LORD'S GARAGE



TOUGHER GOING AHEAD



LOOKING AHEAD

by GEORGE S. BENSON
President of Harding College
Searcy, Arkansas

Noble American wives are willing to see their husbands drafted to fight Japs for freedom, bayonet to bayonet, in fever-infested jungles. But what wife is willing to chance her husband's life so some other able-bodied man can grab a government job that's useless and fat? Not one!

Married men will be called to arms by hundreds in the next two months, by thousands if a new legion of draft-age men are added to government bureaus. It will surely happen, too, unless the American people do something about it.

Look at these facts: General Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service (no less) said recently that 100,000 married men were needed to fill November's draft quota. It is estimated also that delay in passing the teen-age draft law would bring 200,000 more married men into the service in December. Already there are 2,700,000 civilians on Uncle Sam's pay-roll and new bureaus are being organized continually, making thousands of Washington jobs for men of draft age.

How Bureaus Grow

One example will be enough to show how government bureaus multiply. Early in 1942 a manufacturer with a war contract got caught paying his secretary \$30,000 a year. The nation was outraged, and an indignant congress devised a remedy in haste. It authorized the Army, Navy and Maritime Commission each to set up a bureau to correct such abuses. Powers delegated to these bureaus are many and formidable, like Frankenstein, only truer.

These bureaus can make their own rules and enforce them arbitrarily. They can change the terms of contracts already made. They can allow one company more profit than another, both doing the same work. They can not record the war effort. Already they have set up a central board and are busy setting up branches in various cities, outfitting with lawyers, auditors and technical advisors a plenty.

Costly in Man-Power

The purpose of all this organization is called "renegotiation," meaning to figure all war contracts over again and change them if they show too much profit for anybody. It is going to take a lot of help. The Navy had only 1,000 men at such work on July 1, 1941, a year later 4,000 and the Navy has only 10 per cent of the estimated three million contracts to be renegotiated.

You might ask: "Don't you believe in eliminating excessive profits from war contracts?" I most certainly do! I want every dollar of boodle wrung out of them in a way that will not consume the energies of thousands of men who might better be doing something to help win the war. President Roosevelt, in his famous September 7th address,

told us how. He said "Recapture through taxation all war profits not necessary to maintain sufficient war production." And the President's plan will work.

Excessive Profits Rare

It is a known fact that the Excess Profits Tax already in force drains 90 per cent of excessive profits out of war contracts. But these new boards pay no attention to that. They re-figure all contracts. Here is a fair example: If a farmer had turned 90 acres of a 100-acre tract with a gang-plow and found ten acres of odd patches unbroken, he might resort to smaller tools, but he would not hire men to spade the whole 100 acres.

The President's plan to recapture excessive war profits would not squander man-power because it would utilize the Bureau of Internal Revenue instead of organizing three new bureaus, one each in the Army, the Navy and the Maritime Commission. Congressman Wesley E. Disney, who long has been a leader in seeking to eliminate waste in government, recently tried to amend the law to conserve man-power, but with little visible success.

The Disney Plan

The Disney amendment provided that whenever a firm, working on government contracts, showed a profit, after taxes, lower than 2 per cent of the contract price such contracts could not be renegotiated. He said this would get around 95 per cent of the fighting, and here's why. There is already a 90 per cent Excess Profits Tax in force, and hardly one firm in 20 can pay it and have 2 per cent profit left. For my part, I believe it would have saved thousands of men and millions of dollars.

But the boards were busy organizing when Mr. Disney's amendment was offered, they fought it and held it. Now, while married men take up arms and leave their wives to run their farms, other men of their age will be getting soft bureaucratic well-paid jobs. Using your common sense to do something about it.

The Disney amendment would have helped greatly. It was the only one published in newspapers, only newspapers. It was the only one that congressmen were able to get to readers of their papers. But to any other man who was not a congressman and in small towns like the one I live in, it was not heard of.

Uncle Willie Mullins says—



One of my biggest investments in War Bonds. I figure on putting at least 10% of all my earnings into War Bonds from New Year's on!

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Carl L. Brown, Publisher

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1942

A Christmas Snowstorm

By Sarah Jane Clark

THREE hours late, the snow-bound train reached Chicago. Mary Lou gathered her baggage together and took the bus across to the other station, to find her connecting train had left on schedule. The folks would drive in to town to meet the train unless she could head them off.

Her message put through, Mary Lou sank down on one of the benches to collect her thoughts and make her plans until train time. Five o'clock, and no train until 9:30 the next morning.

"Going out soon?" a cheery voice near her asked. She looked up to find the chief usher standing beside her. A middle-aged, friendly-looking fellow. Mary Lou told him of her missed connections.

"Here, Eddie, look at this!" a red cap interrupted her story. He was leading a three-year-old child, a dear little girl with big blue eyes and yellow curls.

"What are you doing with the kid? Is she lost?" Eddie asked sharply, turning away from Mary Lou.

"Might as well be. She came in from Denver, in charge of the stewardess. They missed the train north, and the stewardess is celebrating Christmas by having her appendix out, emergency case. They told me to turn the kid over to you," the boy grinned as he handed her over to the chief usher.

Eddie took her clumsily. "See here, what can a bachelor like me do with a kid like this?" He looked appealingly at Mary Lou.

Mary Lou's eyes filled with tears. Then she held out her arms toward the youngster. "What is your name, dear?" she asked.

"Annette Pollard. I am three years old and I am going from Cheyenne to Rio, Wisconsin, to my grandma Pollard. My daddy is there." It was a lesson she had been taught.

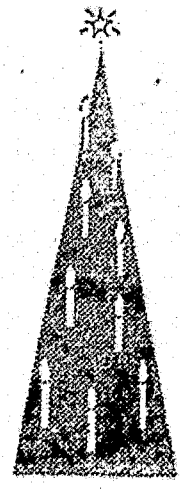
Mary Lou held her close. "I had a little girl almost as old as Annette when she died," she said brokenly to Eddie. "Let me keep the child."



Mary Lou heard the voice of Annette's father.

tonight, and take her to her home. I missed the same train she did." Eddie studied her face. What he saw satisfied him. Still he hesitated for a moment. "That sounds good to me. But I'd better get the conductor to authorize it."

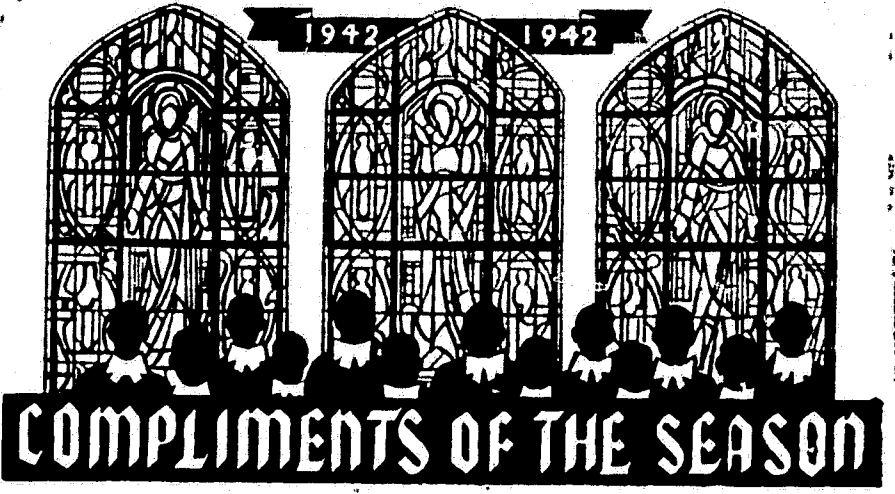
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IN wishing you a Merry Christmas this year we would capture for you as much of the old time holiday spirit as possible. Accept our sincere thanks for your generous patronage, which has been a source of real encouragement to us in 1942.

Burns' RED & WHITE Store

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IT'S an old-fashioned greeting, hal-
lowed by centuries of use, but we know of no other greeting to take its place, so in 1942, as in other years, we simply say to you, our friends,

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dick Young's Service Stations



REGARDLESS of what has happened to this queer old world in 1942, there is still love and cheer and friendship out of which we may fashion another happy Christmas season.

We want to say now that we wish all of our friends every success in finding during this Yuletide all the happiness it can possibly bring.

Bethel Theatre

ADRIAN L. GROVER, Manager

-Years Ago

40 YEARS AGO—Dec. 10, 1902

A representative of the East Kodak Co. will give a demonstration of the Kodak machine at V. J. Ley's drug store, Thursday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock. All interested are invited to be present. With the mercury 22 degrees low zero, and the wind blowing all possessed, Monday night pronounced by all who pretend to know, one of the wildest nights years.

Ernest Cross' father, who resided in Albany, recently shot a fine deer which is not strange until we consider that Mr. Cross has lost right arm, and pulled the trigger with his left hand.

Milton Penley, who has been in the meat business for the past years, has, owing to ill health, sold his business to A. Van Den Kerckhoven who will from today carry on the business. It is understood that Mr. Van Den Kerckhoven will move to the village.

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Gang Up On Axis by Collecting Scrap



(Photo by Detroit Free Press)

One neighborhood in Detroit showed what could be done with a little organized effort, by boys and girls who want to help America win the war. Such organized effort has been magnified thousands of times by the Schools at War program. Public, parochial and private schools in every state are organizing their activities under this program to show what Young America can do to collect scrap when it tackles a big job. They get real inspiration, too, from the Liberty Brick which the Treasury Department will present to the schools of each state, as a permanent shrine, the brick being one of the originals of Independence Hall, replaced when repairs were made recently.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.. PEACE ON EARTH



WEDNESDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE, TO WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1, 1943



It would be fine if we personally could meet and greet each one of you this thought-provoking Christmas of 1942. The fact that we cannot does not keep us from saying to you here that we wish you a very Merry Christmas.

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PORTLAND SUNDAY TELEGRAM
Portland, Maine

SCHOOL DAYS

By DWIG



BRYANT POND

Mrs. Inez Whitman, Correspondent

Rev. Thomas Brindley of Auburn preached at the Baptist Church last Sunday. The pulpit committee and Rev. Thomas Brindley met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Swan Sunday to discuss hiring a minister to take Rev. James MacKillop's place. There are several in view and it is expected there will be services next Sunday. Sunday School will be held Sunday evening the same and the Wednesday evening prayer meetings will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Swan.

The meeting of Franklin Grange to be held last Saturday night was postponed until next Saturday night, Dec. 26, on account of the severe cold.

Mrs. Clifford Jordan and son Frederic of Westbrook are the guests of Mrs. Howard Judkins.

Miss Dorotea Billings, a teacher at South Portland, came Saturday for the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman E. Billings.

Misses Barbara Cole, Rachel Twitchell and Carolyn Dunham, also Stephen Chade, of the University of Maine, are spending their Christmas vacation at their homes here.

Sgt. Raymond Bryant is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bryant.

Mrs. Francis Mills and infant daughter returned home Sunday from Rumford Community Hospital.

Joe Wermenchuck has moved his family from Greene to the house vacated by Lyman Wing formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Porter Swan.

Schools closed Friday and the teachers have gone to their homes for Christmas vacation.

Miss Arlene Swan is visiting Miss Barbara Coffin at Rumford. She went Friday night and expects to return Tuesday night.

Howard MacKillop is visiting at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. James MacKillop at Richmond. Robert York accompanied him for a visit there. Rev. MacKillop came after them.

Miss Verna Cummings of Auburn is visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Cummings and other friends.

Mrs. Fred Judkins of Farmington Normal School is visiting with Mrs. Emma Howe and daughter Margaret. Mrs. Judkins planned to go to her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Lester, Hathaway, but on account of the mumps there and at Harris Hathaway's will not visit at present.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Johnson have been having chicken pox. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newton, Mrs. Fred Judkins and the Misses Edith Whitman and Margaret Howe went to Rumford Monday night.

Nearly every family in town have had trouble with their water pipes or pumps freezing up during this severe cold weather.

Students of Woodstock High School recently presented "Good Gracious Grandma" with the following cast:

Henry Breckenridge, who hates to work any time, Donald Brown George Breckenridge, who hates the same, Robert McKean Mrs. Lennox, who wants her rent, Jean Tirrell

Helen Allen, a daughter of a family friend, Olive Howe Cecile Allen, Helen's younger sister, Dorothy Poland

Clancy, a police investigator, Gerald Poland Wiggins, his assistant, Robert York

P-Sam, a negro house-boy Ellsworth Hathaway Della, a negro maid, Gloria Hobbs

This was a nice drama and very well presented. A good attendance.

HANOVER

Mishemokwa Temple held a special meeting Friday to take the place of the regular one, which would have come on Christmas Day. Lunch was served at 1 o'clock, after which the regular business meeting was held, followed by a short program and distribution of gifts from the tree. It was voted to hold only one meeting a month, the next meeting will be Jan. 8 when a private installation will be held, preceded by a lunch at 1 o'clock. The officers for 1943 are as follows: M. E. C. Amy Mars-ton; E. S. Carrie French; E. J. Mandy Lapham; Man, Alberta Cro-teau; M. of F. Lena Cole; M. of R. & C. Sadie Cole; Pro., Beth Knight; G. Daisy Warren; P. C. Rena Abbott; Installing Officer, Addie Saunders; Degree Mistress, Madeline Dudley.

The neighborhood was saddened Friday night by the word that L. T. Dickson, who was spending the winter with his daughter in Rochester, passed away on that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Worcester and sons arrived at their home Friday night for a week's vacation from his teaching activities in Lebanon, Me.

Oscar Dyke has been ill for the past few days.

A scrap collection in Mineral Wells, Tex., netted three million pounds in three hours.

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Modern life with its ceaseless hurry and worry, irregular habits, improper eating and drinking, exposure, contagion, whatnot, keeps doctors busy, hospitals crowded. The after effects are disturbing to the kidneys and oftentimes people suffer without knowing that disordered kidney action may cause the trouble.

After colds, fever and similar ills there is an increase of body impurities the kidneys must filter from the blood. If the kidneys are overtaxed and fail to remove excess acid and other harmful waste, there is poisoning of the whole system.

Symptoms of disturbed kidney function may be nagging backache, persistent headache, dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—a feeling of nervous anxiety and loss of strength and energy. Other signs of kidney or bladder disturbance sometimes are burning, scanty or too frequent urination.

In such cases it is better to rely on a medicine that has won worldwide approval than on something less favorably known. Use Doan's Pills. They have been winning new friends for more than forty years. Be sure to get Doan's. Sold at all drug stores.

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THIS BUSINESS

OF Living

BY SUSAN THAYER



"COMRADES OF THE FIRING LINE"

When we think of war we usually think first of armies and navies and, now-a-days of course, of air armadas. Yet we know that back of every man in uniform are many more men—and women—in overalls and behind every advance on the battle front are long days and nights of toil on the home front. But it took a great general to put this close connection between industry and our armed forces into ringing prose.

General Douglas MacArthur, in command of our army on the other side of the world, with his headquarters in that great land "down under," cabled a message to the War Congress of American Industry which held the greatest convention in its history last week. There is no one in the world better fitted to realize the importance of what industry is doing today than this great American hero and what he says should be an inspiration to every man and woman connected with war production today. I wish all the rest of the citizens of this country could read it too, and ponder on it as we begin on our second year of war.

The general's cable, which was read before a great audience of 4,500 people, mostly men, is as follows:

"From out of Bataan and Corregidor, from our soldiers and sailors in the combat zone, from our Australian and Dutch allies, and from the souls of those who already have shown us how to die, anxious thoughts go to you who drive the wheels of war production. Without your help, blood at the front will avail little against an enemy rich in numbers, in planes, an indispensable factor in war. There can be no line of demarcation between the man who uses a weapon and the man who makes it. If one fails, the other must perish. Behind manufacturing

management stands the rank and file of labour. The responsibilities of the one are as decisive as that of the other and my appeal to you collective. May God give you understanding of our needs, realization of our pride in your proven capacity and leadership, and inspiration to conquer the difficulties which beset you. We, your comrades of the firing line, to our past rededicate ourselves; we bless you for what you have already done for us, and for the future, we wish you Godspeed."

Manufacturers of straight razors now are turning out commando knives

In Butte, Montana, traffic fines may be paid in scrap—25 to 50 pounds of it.

ON SUNDAY MORNING, IF HEADACHES COME, OR ANY OTHER DAY, POP OUT OF BED AND EASE YOUR HEAD THE ALKA-SELTZER WAY.



THE ANALGESIC (painkiller) in Alka-Seltzer acts quickly because it is fully dissolved and ready to go to work as soon as you swallow it. Its pain-relieving action is made more positive by alkaline buffers which protect it and speed up its action.

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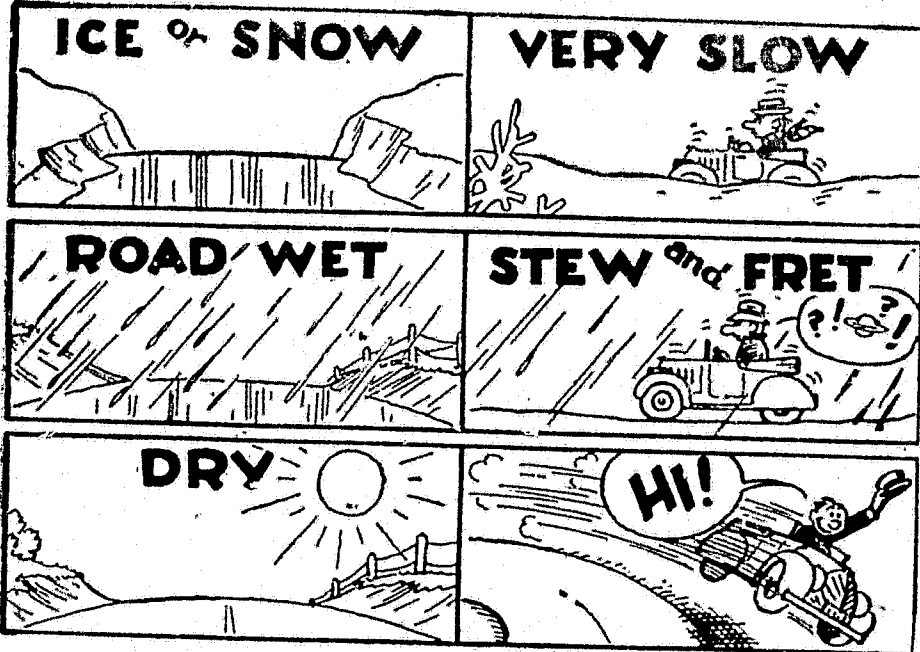
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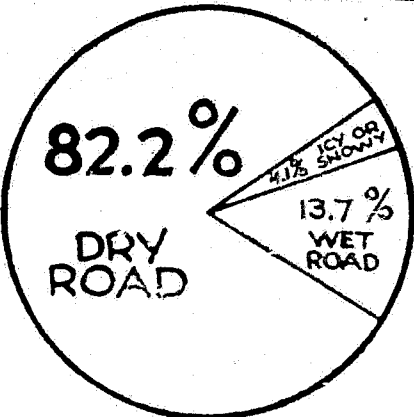
For Good Values Trade At Home

Drivers in Most Danger Under 'Ideal' Conditions



Give a driver a clear day and a dry road and he will be six times more likely to get hurt than if it were raining and 20 times more in danger of having an accident than if the highway were coated with ice or snow!

Funny thing isn't it? Yet, it is proven true, year after year, in each successive edition of The Travelers Insurance Company's annual booklet of street and highway data. The 1942 issue, "The Wreckord," has analyzed more than 1,000,000 automobile accidents which took place last year. The figures reveal that of 35,300 fatal crashes, 82.2 per cent occurred on dry roads, 87 per cent happened under clear skies. Only 2.6 per cent took place on ice, and but 1.3 per cent on snow-covered highways.



There's but one explanation. When he has to drive slowly, in order simply to stay on the road, the average driver is reasonably safe. When the sun comes out and the road dries, he becomes incautious, over-confident—and gets into trouble.

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Christmas Shopping, Melvin Olson, Edward Hastings, Playlet, There's Always a Santa Claus, Polly, Alforetta Bartlett, Billy, Harold Bartlett, Jack Frost, Carline Dorey, Dolly, Dorothy Ann Bartlett, Mother Goose, Shirley Bartlett, Christmas Wreath, Clarabelle Foster, Man in Christmas Poem, Clark Bartlett, Christmas Star, Ann Newmark.

THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE

AN AID IN TEACHING PILOTS TO USE PARACHUTES IN STIFF WINDS IS THE AUTOMATIC WINDSTREAM WHICH IS EQUIPPED WITH A PROPELLER THAT ACTS EXACTLY THE SAME ON THE GROUND AS IT DOES IN THE AIR.

THE ARACANA CHICKEN OF CHILE, LAYS BLUE EGGS.

A MANUFACTURER, UNABLE TO GET 800 BAR ROLLERS FOR A CONVEYOR HE WAS BUILDING IN A NEW EGG-DRYING PLANT, BOUGHT 100 PAIRS OF ROLLER SKATES AND USED THE WHEELS.

AN AIRCRAFT FACTORY HAS GIRLS PEDALING TRICYCLE ICE-CREAM WAGONS IN WHICH RIVETS ARE KEPT COOL. TO WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE PLANT.

Santa Claus, Warren Hastings, Singer, Keith Bartlett, Christmas Carol, Primary Room, Mrs. Grumbly's Christmas, Grammar Room, Annie's and Willie's Prayer, Louise Merrill.

Piano solo, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Shirley Bartlett, White Christmas, Gail Curtis, Louise Merrill, Dialogue, Grammar Room, Trumpet Solo, Clark Bartlett, Marine's Hymn, Gail Curtis, Louise Merrill.

Christmas Wishes, Mary Louise Coolidge.

Keen interest was shown in the sale of Christmas seals in the East Bethel Primary School this year. The children participated one hundred per cent. Edward Hastings sold the greatest number followed closely by Melvin Olson, Shirley Bartlett, Carline Dorey, Clark Bartlett, Clara Belle Foster and Mary Louise Coolidge.

These are the names of those who were not absent for his first school semester in the Primary Room: Clark Bartlett, Carline Dorey, Warren Hastings, Lewis Smith, Alforetta Bartlett.

Those not absent in the Grammar Room were: Caroline Olson, Gail Curtis, Adelle Kimball, George Olson. Absent one day: Mary Alice Hastings, Richard Kimball, Louise Merrill. Not tardy: Carolyn Noyes, Gail Curtis, Caroline Olson, Edith Tyler, Louise Merrill. Tardy once: Mary Alice Hastings, Adelle Kimball, George Olson.

Friday afternoon each room held their Christmas tree program with popcorn and candy refreshments.

Charles Reed is still confined to his bed. He has been ill two weeks.

Miss Mary Ann Toft, Mrs. Helen Newmarker and Ann Newmarker are spending the Christmas vacation in South Portland and Westbrook.

Bernard Bartlett is at home from U. of M., Orono, for the Christmas holiday season.

Robert Billings and Donald Kimball were sent home last Wednesday for a 10 day furlough before being inducted into the Army. They are to report at 7 a. m. Saturday at Rumbold.

The extremely cold weather has caused water pipes to freeze in several homes here during the past few days.

Jack Kimball is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Le'and Coolidge.

Through new steel alloy processes, Army Ordnance saved enough nickel to supply the needs of 46,000 heavy tanks and 17,000 75 mm. howitzers.

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LOCKE MILLS

Mary Mills, Correspondent. Frank Ring is confined to his home from injuries received when he slipped on some stairs at the mill last week.

School closed Friday for two weeks. Each room enjoyed a Christmas tree Friday afternoon. In the evening three Christmas plays were given at the church by the three rooms. There was a good attendance in spite of the cold weather, and they were enjoyed by all.

Miss Bessie Mason, who has been ill, is out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Conant are at Portland while Mr. Conant works at the Portland terminal during the Christmas rush.

Charles Day has been in poor health for the past two weeks and has been unable to attend to his duties at the mill.

Rexford Martin is visiting with his aunt, Mrs. Lee Mills, for a while and Sandra Martin is visiting with Mrs. Ray Hanscom.

Miss Anne Ring of Orono is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents.

Mrs. Robert Cole, Miss Hazel Hanscom, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hanscom and Sandra Martin were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Hanscom at North Newry.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ring attended the funeral of Guy Coffin at Mechanic Falls, Friday.

NEWRY CORNER

Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year to all!

Mrs. Herbert Morton Jr. and children are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, in Auburn.

Schools in and around town closed Friday, Dec. 18, for two weeks vacation.

We have just experienced one of the longest and coldest spells of weather ever recalled by anyone in recent years.

Frederick Joel is the name given to the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Deroche, born recently in Hanover. Mrs. Deroche was the former Eva Merrill.

Mrs. Daisie Warren and Mrs. Nellie Holt attended the Pythian Sisters meeting and Christmas tree Friday afternoon, Dec. 18, at Hanover.

Mrs. Marion Thurston and Eleanor Learned spent the week-end in town.

Eleven attended the Farm Bldg.

reau Christmas tree party at the home of Mrs. Grace Hulbert, Dec. 16.

Mrs. Frances Davis is having a two weeks vacation from her duties in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Saunders.

Bear River Grange meeting scheduled for Dec. 19 was postponed due to the extreme cold.

UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Correspondent

Schools closed last week for a two weeks vacation. A very good Christmas program was presented at the school house Friday afternoon with several visitors present. The teachers returned to their respective homes for vacation.

Mrs. T. A. Durkee has returned home after spending nearly three weeks with her mother in Exeter, N. H.



Once again a Christmas! May its message of peace and happiness abide with you throughout the Yule Season of 1942, and carry its benign influence to you and yours.

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WEST PARIS

Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent
The Universalist Sunday School held their Christmas family supper entertainment and tree at Good Will Hall Tuesday evening. About 170 took supper. A nice program was presented by the primary department. Mrs. Gladys Ellingwood and Mrs. Myrtle Bonney were the committee in charge. The supper was served under the direction of the Glad Hand Class.

Leland Doughty, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Farr, was taken Saturday night to the C. M. G. Hospital for an operation for appendicitis. He had a ruptured appendix.

GILEAD

Mrs. Florence B. Holden returned home Monday after spending several days with relatives and friends in Portland and Scarborough. John Taylor of Gardiner spent the week-end in town with friends and relatives.

Miss Emeline Heath of Canton is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Heath.

There was an entertainment and Christmas tree at the Town Hall last Friday evening, given by the pupils and teacher, Miss Louise Plunket of the Gilead Village School.

Mrs. Helen Baker is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Antoinette Nedean was a visitor in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

A CHRISTMAS SNOWSTORM

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IT WAS soon decided that Mary Lou should keep her. But she must not leave the station. "It won't be very comfortable for you, ma'am, but the kid can curl up on a bench here and be dead to the world in no time. There are some rocking chairs in the far room there. Why, of course there are some cots there, and baby beds."

"We ought to telephone the child's relatives," Mary Lou suggested.

"Of course we should. Here is the address and telephone number. You do it for me, will you, please, ma'am? I've got my last minute shopping to do. I'm mighty glad you came in on this train. Eddie'll take the kid while you telephone to Rio," and the conductor was off, after turning over the child's money to Mary Lou. But not until Mary Lou had made him promise to send a big doll back for the child's Christmas.

"We'll let Annette say hello to her daddy herself, if she wants to," Mary Lou exclaimed. And so it was done. Mary Lou heard the voice of Annette's father, tense with concern, and then joyful as he realized where his baby was and heard her childish treble over the phone. "Her mother's parents sent her back here to have Christmas with me. Her mother died two years ago," he added.

The sun was shining dazzlingly bright the next morning when the train stopped at Rio. The red-haired man who was waiting expectantly on the platform had only time to thank Mary Lou, and get her address, before the train pulled out leaving him holding Annette as she waved a good-by to Mary Lou.

But the trip home was much easier. Mary Lou forgot the burning pain at the loss of her own little daughter, the aching loneliness since her own husband's death, as she remembered the soft kiss of the baby lips of the motherless child who had been in her charge the night before. And the look in the face of Annette's daddy made her sure she would see Annette soon.

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Robert E. Perry, S 2½, of West Bethel is stationed at the Fleet Sound School, Key West, Fla., for several weeks.

Pfc. Larry Losier Jr. of Paterson, N. J., spent a few days last week with his parents at Gilead.

Pvt. Clayton E. Bryant of Gilead, who has been training at the Mechanic School at the Medical Replacement Training Center in Camp Pickett, Va., for two months, has been transferred to Camp Phillips, Salina, Kansas. Pvt. Bryant is the son of Mrs. Florence Bryant Holden.

Pvt. Robert W. Kirk has recently transferred from Camp Luna, N. M., to the 58th Ferrying Squadron, Army Air Base, Houlton.

Pvt. Norris Brown is receiving basic training in the 33rd Infantry Training Battalion at Camp Croft, S. C.

Pvt. Nestor Ruokolainen of Locke Mills is stationed at Keesler Field, Miss.

Pvt. Harry Smith of Locke Mills was home from Atlantic City, N. J., recently.

Sgt. Alfred W. Lovejoy of Wayne Co. Air Base, Romulus, Mich., is spending a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lovejoy, West Bethel.

Cpl. John R. King, who has been attached to the 77th Infantry Division at Fort Jackson, S. C., since his induction last March, has been transferred to the Army Air Corps after successfully passing the Air Cadet exams. Cpl. King now has been transferred to Aviation Classification at Nashville, Tenn., where if he completes individual screening tests he will commence his training as an Air Cadet in the Army Air Corps. His address is A/C John R. King, Squadron D1-2, A. A. F. C. C. Thompson Lane, Nashville, Tenn., Army Air Corps.

Richard Peabody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Peabody, has completed his basic training at the U. S. Naval Training Station at Newport, R. I., and will be assigned to advanced duty upon his return from several days' leave.

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Sunday, December 27

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Herbert T. Wallace, Minister
9:30 a. m. Sunday School.
11:00 a. m. Morning worship.
Sermon subject, "Debit and Credit." A New Year's message.
There will be no meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship.
Christmas Eve Annual Parish Supper, free to all Parish members, at 6 o'clock. A short entertainment in the Chapel at the close.
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METHODIST CHURCH
M. A. Gordon, pastor
9:45 Church School. Leslie Davis, Supt. Classes for All.
11:00 Sunday Morning Worship.
The beautiful anthem of last Sunday repeated. Mrs. Mildred Lyon, organist. Subject of sermon, "The Path of Discovery."
6:30 Epworth League.
7:30 Evening Service. Come and enjoy the singing of the gospel hymns. Subject, "The Boyhood of Jesus."

The Men's Brotherhood meets Tuesday evening, Dec. 29. Supper and entertainment. Supper committee, Harry Sawin, Irvin French, Edwin Brown. Entertainment committee, Leroy Brown, Royal Hodsdon, John Anderson.

The Women's Society of Christian Service meets Thursday afternoon, Dec. 31, with Mrs. H. I. Bean.

The Nour Jeunes Filles Club meets Thursday evening, Dec. 31, with Miss Beatrice Brown.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. Matt. 2: 9.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH
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In Rumford, Dec. 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Martin of Greenwood, a son.

In Bangor, Dec. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Roberts, a son, Douglas Frank.

MARRIED

In Woodstock, Dec. 19, by Rev. A. J. Verrill, Kenneth George Lovejoy of West Bethel and Maxine Farren of Bryant Pond.

In North Waterford, Dec. 20, Stanton Ray of Milford, Conn., and Mrs. Hazel Lord of North Waterford.

DIED

In Derry, N. H., Dec. 13, George N. Richardson, a native of Gilead, aged 73 years.

In Lewiston, Dec. 23, Mrs. Florence E. Lapham of Albany, aged 48 years.

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